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Dr. Parsons:

Enclosed are the requested 200 anonymous dried blood spot specimens. These specimens were identified as Hispanic in ethnicity via an extraction from our database. The specimens were received at TDH on March 5, 2003 and have been stored at room temperature for that period. I am sending one de-identified filter paper spot from each of the specimens. At some point, if it is convenient, please let me know if these specimens were useful.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at (512) 458-7318 ext. 2471.

Sincerely,

Lynette Borgfeld
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Lynette Borgfeld

From: Eldridge Hutcheson
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2003 3:32 PM
To: Tony Banks
Cc: Mollie Borden; Lynette Borgfeld
Subject: MSDS extraction

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Tony, please create a list from MSDS of all specimens that were marked as being from a hispanic patient with a
I would like to have this by the first of next week. Thanks

Eldridge T. Hutcheson, Ph.D.
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Borgfeld, Lynette

From: PARSONS@afip.osd.mil
Sent: Thursday, May 08, 2003 3:01 PM
To: Lynette.Borgfeld@tdh.state.tx.us; PARSONS@afip.osd.mil
Cc: Eldridge.Hutcheson@exch.tdh.state.tx.us
Subject: RE: Hispanic Blood Samples for Anonymous DNA Database

I received the samples today, in good shape. Thanks again. I'll keep you posted on the progress and outcome. Let me know if I can ever do you a favor!

Thanks. Tom Parsons

-----Original Message-----

From: Lynette Borgfeld [mailto:Lynette.Borgfeld@tdh.state.tx.us]
Sent: Wednesday, May 07, 2003 1:26 PM
To: 'PARSONS@afip.osd.mil'
Cc: Eldridge Hutcheson
Subject: FW: Hispanic Blood Samples for Anonymous DNA Database

Dr. Parsons,
We have collected the requested dried blood spots. Please forward any specific shipping guidelines that you have (contact name, address, shipping account number, specimen preparation requirements, etc.)

Thanks for your help,
Lynette Borgfeld
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-----Original Message-----

From: PARSONS@afip.osd.mil [mailto:PARSONS@afip.osd.mil]
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2003 9:22 AM
To: Eldridge.Hutcheson@tdh.state.tx.us
Subject: Hispanic Blood Samples for Anonymous DNA Database

Dear Dr. Hutcheson;

It's my understanding that Ken Pass, head of the New York State Newborn Screening Program contacted you on my behalf. I'm working on a project with the National Institute of Justice to increase national databases of mitochondrial DNA sequences, to abett criminal and missing persons investigations. At present our target is the "Hispanic" population, focusing on whether there are significant mitochondrial DNA population genetic differences between various regions in the United States. Ken suggested that you may be in a position to provide blood samples from Texas Hispanics. If so, that would be wonderful, and I'm targeting a sample size of 150.

Please let me know if you would be in a position to participate. If so, it would be helpful to have, rather soon, a document indicating availability of the samples, so I have taken the liberty of attaching a sample letter stating the availability. I would like to attach that letter to the NIJ supplement I'm writing now, indicating that I've identified suitable samples. Of course, any modifications to the letter are yours to make. If it all looks smooth to you, maybe you could fax this letter on letterhead for inclusion with the grant application this week (sorry for the short notice).

Later on, at your convenience, dried blood samples could be FedEx'd on our account to the address below. I'd be happy to coordinate with you more down the road.

I appreciate your willingness to be contacted in this regard, and wish you all the best.
Let me know if you need more information or have questions.

Sincerely, Tom Parsons

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